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Dated: May 7, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting.

DATES: This meeting will be held on June 10, 1996, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Isle of Capri Casino Crowne Plaza Resort, 151 Beach Boulevard (Hwy. 90E), Biloxi, MS; telephone: 601-435-5400.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review Draft Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. Waters with Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Regulatory Impact Review (RIR), Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, and Social Impact Assessment (SIA). The amendment is intended to address the Council's commitment to reduce the bycatch mortality of red snapper, particularly juveniles, from shrimp trawls. The amendment includes a review of previous actions and their effects on bycatch as well as various alternatives.

The Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP) will review the draft amendment with various management alternatives for gear including: (1) Status Quo - no change to existing gear regulations; and (2) Requiring Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) in all areas of the exclusive economic zone. They will also

look at area specific usage of BRDs including requiring BRDs: (1) inside the 100 fathom contour; (2) inside the 100 fathom contour and west of Cape San Blas, Florida; and (3) between the 10 and 100 fathom contours. Other alternatives that will be discussed include: area closures, seasonal closures, BRD testing criteria, and a protocol for BRD certification. The Shrimp AP will also consider a RIR, which mainly reviews the economic ramifications of the proposed amendment; a SIA; and any environmental consequences. Also considered will be the effects of other Federal laws and regulations.

The AP is comprised of fisherman and other user groups who advise the Council on fishery issues.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by June 3, 1996.

Dated: May 7, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Southern Habitat Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 29, 1996, beginning at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the offices of the Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, Building 991 located at Crissy Field (the old Coast Guard Station), The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129; telephone: (415) 556-3509.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Coon, Fishery Management Coordinator (Salmon); telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss

and develop recommendations for Council action on regional habitat issues which merit consideration at this time.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 8, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (P612)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Kimberlee Beckmen, Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, P.O. Box 757000, Fairbanks, AK 99775-7000, has applied in due form for a permit to take Northern fur seals, (*Callorhinus ursinus*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal